



BALANCE ... the Way forward ...

Balance Saddling Lecture/Clinic

Bozeman: April 30, May 3, 2010

Billings: May 7-9, 2010

Constructive Riding Workshop

May 14-16, 2010

Kathy & Doug Kirk's arena
2005 Bitterroot Dr, Billings

I am sponsoring a saddling clinic May 7-9, 2010 in Billings. The presenter is Carol Brett of the Balance Saddle organization (www.balanceinternational.com). I have had Carol here on 3 previous occasions and can say without reservation, that what she has to say is of vital importance to any person who is dealing with horses.

Carol has an extraordinary knowledge of structure and function and how saddling affects it. Carol was a dressage and eventing trainer and judge in England before she began her quest to help horses and help riders understand many of the influences that affect their horse's willingness and ability to perform. She is quite involved with the British Pony Club at the national level and was an A level Pony Club evaluator. She trained with Robert Hall who was the coach for both the English dressage and eventing teams for 3 consecutive Olympics in the 60's and 70's and, in 1990, coached the British Pony Eventing team to a gold medal in the European Championships.

There is no hard sell to buy a saddle. If your horse likes its saddle as well or better than hers, she will say there is no need to change. It was fascinating to watch the changes in the horses even between different styles of the Balance saddle. Even if one isn't interested in buying a saddle, he/she will go away with a much better understanding of what to look for in any saddle and ways to help make their saddle work the best it can for the horse. She encourages veterinarians and farriers to attend to get a better understanding of how saddles can affect hoof wear and lameness.

Constructive Riding dismounted workshop- May14, (6-9p), May 15,16th, (9a-5p).. Explore how your balance affects your horses balance. Learn about the horses 3 dimensional balance point and forces that can upset that balance. We held this the last two years and it was very educational. Carol has studied Feldenkrais movement for 17 years and uses those principles of efficient movement to help you be better balanced for your horse. If you just want to become a better rider for your horse, this will be very helpful. Carol presents this workshop internationally. It is a unique opportunity to see her in Billings

Lecture/demo: Bozeman: April 30, 9a-5p -\$50

Billings: May 7th, 6-9 pm--\$30

Individual consults: May 8-9 (last 1 ½-2hours) \$100 for 1 horse, \$150 for 2 horses with same owner

Dismounted Workshop: May 14-16- \$275

To register or for more information contact Jean Allbright- 259-4788 or j.allbright@bresnan.net

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